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## **You Can Help Stop Mail, Email and Phone Fraud in Minnesota — Recognize it and Report it**

A statewide coalition of law enforcement and business partners are mobilizing to combat these types of fraud — Minnesota citizens are vital in this effort.

“Foreign lottery and sweepstakes” scams result in at least \$8-\$10 million in losses to Minnesota residents each year. There are many variations of these frauds but in most cases a potential victim is asked to send money to claim a prize or to be entered into a drawing. These scams include emails that are purportedly from a party in a foreign country.

### **Recognize a Fraudulent Solicitation:**

- If you haven’t entered or paid to enter a lottery/sweepstakes, you can’t win.
- Official lotteries do not require you to pay a sum to receive your winnings.
- If it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

### **If you receive a Fraudulent Solicitation, Report it:**

- Via email — forward the email to [report@mnscams.org](mailto:report@mnscams.org)
- Via phone — report any information to local law enforcement, and to [www.mnscams.org](http://www.mnscams.org) 1-866-347-0911 (toll free), or the Minnesota Board of Aging LinkAge line, 1-800-333-2433.
- Via mail — send all the original documents, including the envelope, to:

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